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Well-known POW to speak NAES Lakehurst hosts POW/MIA day service

September 13, 2005 Lakehurst, NJ – The Naval Air Engineering Station (NAES) Lakehurst will join communities nationwide as it observes Prisoner of War and Missing in Action (POW/MIA) day at:
12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2005.

CAPT Bret Gordon, the base Commanding Officer, will introduce guest speaker, Col. Norman McDaniel, United States Air Force (Retired), who was a prisoner of war in the infamous Hanoi Hilton in North Vietnam. During almost seven years as a prisoner of war he earned a Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. McDaniel, author of *Yet Another Voice*, has also been a national motivational speaker while serving as an officer and civilian within the military.

It has been said by many, Col. Norman McDaniel has endured more loneliness and torment than most people can comprehend. “Some of what happened is just as clear as if it just happened,” says McDaniel. “Some

of it is kind of painful but I do not object to talking about it because some people sincerely want to and need to know.”

Guests who wish, may bring a red or white rose to place in a vase on the altar during the ceremony. A wreath laying ceremony, a 21-gun salute and the playing of TAPS outside concludes the formal event.

Following the ceremony, the base will hold a reception with light refreshments.

The public and media are invited to the Cathedral of the Air, on Route 547 near the main gate, to what has become the largest POW/MIA day observance in the region.

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